

Mardi Gras Madness!

Carnival's in full swing
with Krewe of Kids
Saturday, Nereids Sunday.

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Bay St. Louis' oldest resident dies
at age 104. Paul La Violette takes
a loving look at her life.

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Murder/suicide at Lakeshore

Chamber After Hours today at Bay City Grill

The Hancock Chamber After Hours is set for this afternoon, February 20 at Bay City Grill at 136 Blaize Avenue across from Chamber members and new member prospects are encouraged to join in the festivities and let the good times roll from 5pm-7pm. For more information, contact the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048.

Save Our Children to offer no smoking class

Thursday Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. The Hancock County Task Force To Save Our children offers it's next class, *The Hazards of Smoking*. All are welcome. The center is located at 405 S. Nicaise Ave. in Bay St. Louis.

Off-site pet adoptions

The Waveland Animal Shelter offer off-site pet adoptions at the Waveland Kmart this Saturday, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Each pet comes with first set of shots, flea bath, etc.

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Sheriff: Victim was a witness in murder trial, but cases unrelated

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
and GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Hancock County law enforcement officers were greeted on President's Day with the grim task of investigating the deaths of a Lakeshore couple, who died in an apparent murder/suicide.

The Hancock Sheriff's Department received a 911 call reporting the incident at about 9:22 a.m. Monday, Sheriff Steve Garber said at the scene at 4060 Colly Rd.

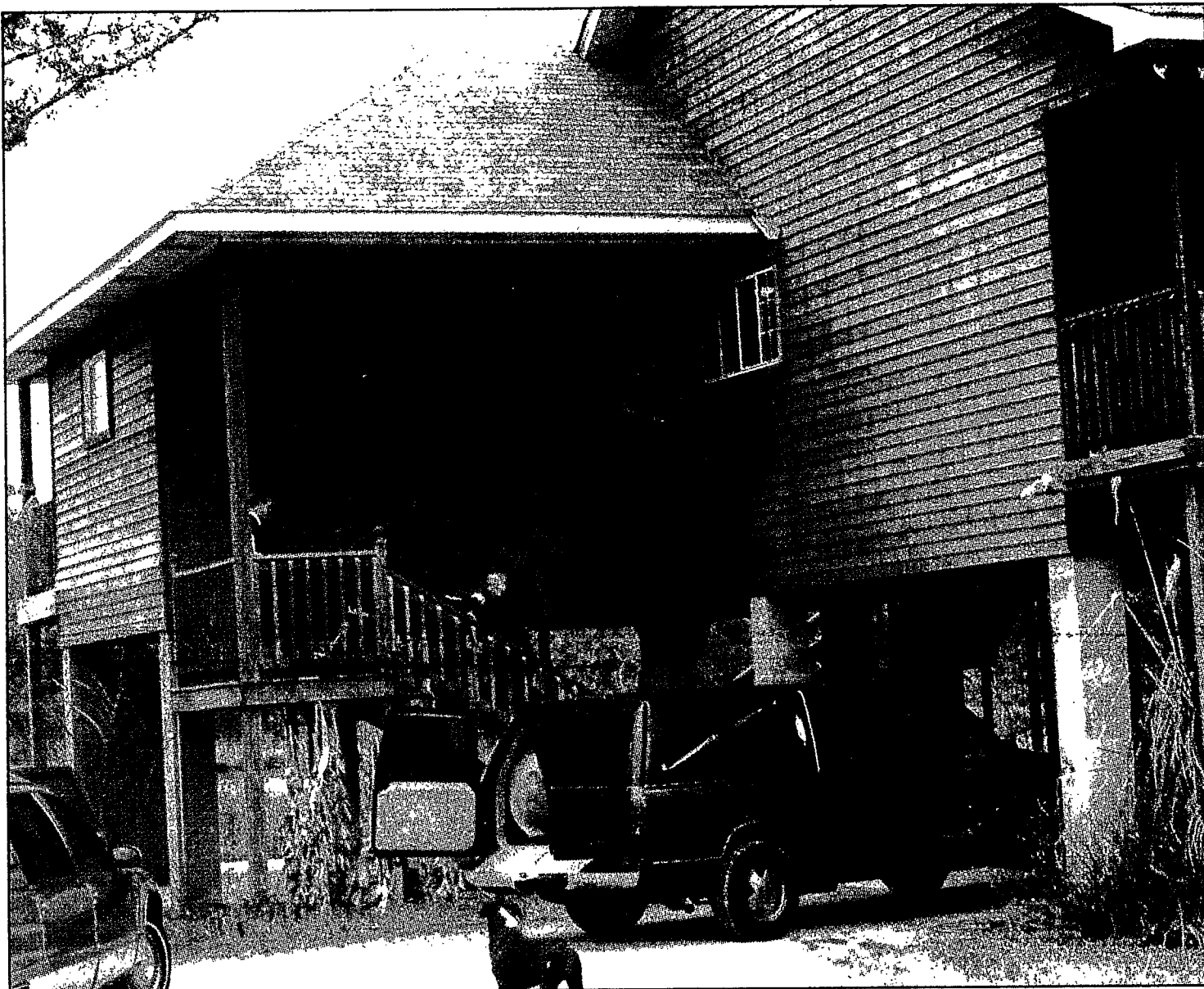
"Deputies arrived and found two victims of gunshots," Garber said. The victims "were later identified as Tom Cobb, 47, and Tanya Parsons, maiden name Prestenbach, age 35. Medical Examiner (Coroner) Norma Stiglet was summoned."

"The victims both had gunshots to their chest area and I pronounced them dead at the scene," Stiglet said Tuesday.

"Pathologist Dr. Paul McGarry conducted an autopsy and his findings and our investigation show that it was a murder/suicide," Garber said. An apparent argument began ... between the two victims and had escalated."

Garber said that, according to available evidence, it appears that Cobb shot Parsons once with a .357 Magnum, then turned the gun on himself. Both were shot in the chest.

Cobb and Parsons were, dating, Garber said, and "Ms. Parsons had moved into the residence one month prior with her two children, ages 9 and 12. The children were not at the res-



Assistants to Hancock County Coroner Norma Stiglet haul a gurney up the stairs at the 4060 Colly Rd., Lakeshore home of Thomas Cobb and Tanya Prestenbach Parsons, who died Monday morning in an apparent murder/suicide.

idence at the time of the shooting, and are currently in the care of family members."

Deputy's said the children had left before the incident for school.

Investigators at the scene Monday morning said that when they learned who the victims were, they were initially concerned because Parsons had been a key witness in the murder trial of William Roger McNeill. McNeill was convicted last week of the July 2000 death of Sharon Gwynette Spiers, and was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of

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Deputies peer down the long, winding dirt road to Thomas Cobb's home by the lake. The house was secluded, mostly hidden by trees and more than 200 yards from the main road.

Man robs Bay Dollar General with .38 pistol

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Bay St. Louis police officers are searching for a man who robbed the Zuppardo Bay Plaza Dollar General store at gunpoint Tuesday night.

The unidentified man "entered the store and pretended to be shopping," at around 7 p.m. Tuesday, Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil

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Governor Ronnie Musgrove visited schools across the coast on Monday including Hancock County Middle School and High School and Pass Christian High School. Pictured are Musgrove and School Supt. Mike Ladner at Hancock Middle School.

Officers assisting DHS workers find crystal meth

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

While Hancock County officers were assisting the Department of Human Services (DHS) assistance in a Welfare case, they made two arrests in connection with possession of a controlled substance, Sheriff Steve Garber said yesterday.

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MARDI GRAS MADNESS!

Krewe of Kids rolls in Bay this Sat.; Nereids in Waveland, Sun.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

With Mardi Gras Day less than two weeks away festivities are revving up across the coast. Get into the festive spirit by donning your purple, green and gold and joining in the fun. The party continues over the next two weeks.

• On Saturday the Krewe of Kids from North Bay Elementary School in Bay St. Louis will begin the weekend festivities with a parade beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday from Cedar Point. For information call 228-467-0506.

The parade will be led by King Christopher Strong and Queen Hailey Nardyz.

• At 1 p.m. the Biloxi Second-liners will march down Main St., MLK Jr. Blvd., and Reynoir St. in Biloxi. About 50 floats will make up the parade with the theme of "Dancing in the Streets." For more information call 228-374-6825.

• At 2 p.m. the Orange Grove Carnival Association will parade down Community Rd. and Klein Rd. going west on Dedeaux Rd. to Hwy. 49, North on Hwy. 49 to Rayburn Plaza in Orange Grove. For more information call 228-832-0079.

• Don't go home yet because at 7 p.m. the Gautier Men's Club will present their Mardi Gras Parade at the Mississippi Gulf Coast College, Jackson County Campus on Hwy. 90 and circle the Singing River Mall in Gautier. For more information call 228-935-5511.

• Save some energy for Sunday when the Krewe of Nereids from Waveland will march in their 37th Annual Mardi Gras Parade bearing



Danny Frolich's art for the 37th annual Nereids Mardi Gras Parade.

the theme of "Star Struck" beginning at 1 p.m. About 100 floats will participate in the parade as it makes its way from Choctaw Plaza down one side of Hwy. 90 and back down the other side. For more information

call 228-467-7635.

• Also on Sunday the Long Beach Carnival Association will hold its annual parade at 2 p.m. at Lumpkin Stadium on Cleveland and Jeff Davis Ave. in Long Beach. For

more information call 228-864-8829.

• If you haven't had enough fun for the week there is still time to purchase tickets for the Ocean Springs Elks Lodge Mardi Gras Ball at the Mississippi

Coast Coliseum and Convention Center which will be held at 7 p.m. on Wed. Feb. 26. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple. For more information call 228-872-2501, 875-7046, or 875-4424.

Beginning the fun heading into Mardi Gras Week will be parades presented by several area schools. On Fri. Feb. 28 Bay Waveland Head Start will parade at 9:30 a.m. in Bay St. Louis from the school grounds on Necaise Ave. At 1 p.m. Bay Catholic will parade from the school grounds on Second St. in Bay St. Louis, and also at 1 p.m. St. Paul's Elementary in Pass Christian will hold their annual parade in Pass Christian.

• On Sat. March 1, the fun will begin at Noon with the Krewe of Diamondhead Parade at the Diamondhead Community Center to the front gate, and East on County Rd. at the new country club. For more information call 228-255-7297.

• At 1 p.m. the Jackson County Carnival Association will parade down Market St., Jackson Ave. and Pascagoula St. in downtown Pascagoula. For more information call 228-497-3269.

• At 2 p.m. the Krewe of Gemini will parade down 19th St. and 25th Ave. in Gulfport. For more information call 228-452-7639 or 864-0337.

• On Sunday March 2 at 1 p.m. the St. Paul's Carnival Association will hold their annual parade at Davis and Handy St. in Pass Christian. For more information call 228-452-7359.

• On Monday March 3 the Gulf Coast Carnival Association will hold its will

present its court at the annual ball which will be held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call 228-432-8806.

On Mardi Gras Day several parades will be held across the coast.

• The day will begin with the Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade at 11 a.m. on Hwy. 90, MLK Blvd. and Main St. in Biloxi. The association will also hold a night parade, with a theme "The World of Adventure" at 5:30 p.m. at Main St., Lameuse St., MLK Jr. Blvd., Reynoir St., Hwy. 90, Porter Ave., and Howard Ave. in Biloxi. For more information call 228-432-8806.

• The Krewe of Real People will hold their annual parade in Bay St. Louis at Main St. Railroad St., and Old Spanish Trail. For more information call 228-466-3324. ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE PARADE CAN OBTAINING ENTRY FORM FROM ANY K.O.R.P. MEMBER. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE, BUT PARTICIPANTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE BEFORE RIDING.

• At 3 p.m. the Krewe of Neptune will continue the fun at Main St., Hwy. 90, Lameuse St., Washington Loop, Reynoir St. Porter Ave. and Howard Ave. in Biloxi. For more information call 228-436-4381.

The day will come to a close with the Krewe of Gemini Night Parade to begin at 6 p.m. with a theme of "Mystical Magic" at Main St., Lameuse St., MLK Blvd., Reynoir St., Hwy. 90, Porter Ave. and Howard Ave. in Biloxi. For more information call 228-432-8806.

Krewe of Selene goes 'On Safari' with Diamondhead parade



Scenes from Sunday's Krewe of Selene
Mardi Gras Parade
Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher



Hotel Reed's future still uncertain

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

City leaders sought to calm fears Monday over the possible transition of Hotel Reed from a nursing home to something else.

What else — and how much of it — remains very much in the air. And neighbors are jittery.

So far, Bay St. Louis City Council has fended off suggestions to re-zone the prime piece of real estate to commercial use, or to grant a waiver that would let the owners operate a hotel inside a residential district.

Ulman Street residents Bobbie and Henry Maggio told council members they had been stunned to read in the Sea Coast Echo that city leaders had advised Hotel Reed owner Ted Cain to test the waters with state Alcohol Beverage Control officials on the question of a potential liquor license.

Mayor Eddie Favre said two weeks ago that he believes the ABC should consider the property "commercial" in nature if the city grants a special exception allowing a hotel in a residential zone. That would pave the way for Cain to open a restaurant with a bar on the property.

"We were very disturbed by the article in the paper,"

Bobbie Maggio said. "Like BOOM, here it is...We felt we were definitely being set up for an end around run."

Previous public meetings on the Hotel Reed's future have drawn dozens of interested citizens, fearful that changing the structure's use from a nursing home to a hotel with a restaurant and bar would negatively impact the residential area.

Cain insists the restaurant, to be successful, would need the ability to serve alcohol to patrons. He says the bar would be a low-key, high quality establishment that would not impact the neighborhood.

Henry Maggio, meanwhile, said council's repeated discussions with Cain about the future of the building, absent a firm proposal on the table, amounts to a process in "reverse."

Monday, Favre and Ward I council member Doug Seal, sought to allay the Maggios' concerns. Seal, who serves as council president, said whether Cain wants to run a hotel or another nursing home on the property, Seal would not "go against the community as a whole." Whatever is put on the property, he said, "needs to be in character with the neighborhood."

Seal said the account of

council's last meeting with Cain and restaurateur Tommy Kidd indicated that council was "trying to sneak something out" to resolve the matter. "That is not the case."

Seal also said the vacant building was built in 1923, and is not on the National Register of Historic Places.

Local historian Charles Gray contradicted that position Tuesday. The 1928 structure was nominated for inclusion on Register, and subsequently included in its official listings, Gray said.

The following data appears on the nomination form: Former Weston Hotel (N. Beach at Ulman). Ca. 1928. Mission Revival style. Two-story brick L-plan building with shaped parapet roof with two small towers each with tile hip roof. Paired round-arched windows on first floor of main block. Other windows with 12-over-one sash.

Seal says he's appreciative of some of the structures architectural features. Still, he and other council members agree that salvaging much of the structure would be too costly.

Favre said Monday he had suggested that Cain approach the ABC about getting a liquor license to

operate a bar if the council grants a "special exception" to clear the way. That's because required approval of First Presbyterian Church hasn't been forthcoming, the mayor said.

Favre said the special exception would be tantamount to rezoning the property, but would only allow the operation of a hotel with a bar. Favre said the city is insistent that it sees some firm plans for what's to be put on the property. And he said the city wants to see something about the same height, built on the same "footprint" as the existing building.

Bobbie Maggio said Tuesday she had found some comfort in the officials' remarks Monday. "I am not at crosshairs with the mayor or City Council. I just want our side to be heard and considered. I want to work with the city for the good solution. Good for us and good for Mr. Cain."

Hotel Reed closed several months ago, when its nursing home residents were transferred to other facilities. Cain insists the building has become virtually obsolete as the years have past, and needs to be torn down rather than repaired.

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Winners of the 20th Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Program are left to right: Arreal Brown, Alex Donaldson, Bridgett Williams and Candasha Parker. The program was held Saturday afternoon at the Depot.

Black History in Hancock a matter of pride for winners

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The 20th Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program was held on Saturday at the Bay St. Louis Depot. The program drew 25 entries from children ages 9-19 years old.

Winners were: 9-10 year olds, Bridgett Williams who presented an original poem entitled Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired; 11-12 year olds, Alex Donaldson who presented a talk on musician Louis Armstrong; 13-15 year olds, Candasha Parker who presented and original poem entitled The Link, which explained how strong people are linked together in life; and 16-19

year olds, Arreal Brown who gave a dramatic reading of a poem by Maya Angelo entitled Phenomenal Women about strong black women.

The program included a welcome by Bill Johnson, Invocation by Rev. Sebastian Myladiyil, occasion by Maurice Singleton, words of inspiration by Ernest Taylor and Donna Holton as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Awards were presented by Stella Mitchell, Tom Favre and Mayor Tommy Longo. A special performance was given by the Messengers of Mount Chapel Baptist Church.

The celebration of Black History Month was created to recall the contributions of African-Americans in histo-

ry, industry, the Arts and Sciences and all aspects of the country, said Donna Holton in an introductory letter.

"Youngsters are given the opportunity to examine their heritage by selecting a single individual who has made a significant contribution in a particular field," said Holton. "They take a great deal of pride in articulating their topic and they see role models they can emulate. They see that success has no color and they begin to think about career choices and the infinite possibilities available to them. They are inspired by their forebearers who have achieved greatness in spite of the obstacles they had to overcome."

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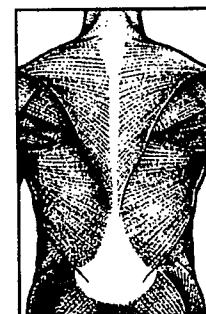
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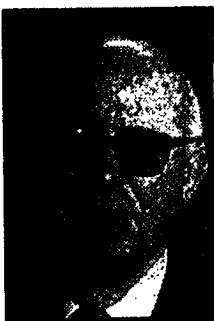
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Seeger helped make Bay St. Louis the beautiful place it is today

Oops! I failed to mention the date for the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours in Sunday's edition of the Echo.

Anyway, this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. is the date and time.

Sponsor is the Bay City Grill, 136 Blaize Avenue, across from the Bay St. Louis Depot. Since we are in the Mardi Gras season, the After Hours will have a Mardi Gras theme.

I have been told it will be a "swinging" party and a great get-together.

Be sure to bring along several business cards, as there will be several door prizes in addition to the good snacks and refreshments.

Remember, the After Hours is open to chamber members and guests.

I hope to see you at the After Hours this evening.

I was saddened to hear Sunday morning that my long time friend Felix Seeger had passed away Saturday.

I have known Felix since I was a youngster, as my mother would visit his plant nursery every year at All Saints Day to purchase mums. The mums he and his wife grew in their hot houses on Longfellow Drive were the largest I have ever seen and were always so beautiful.

A horticulturist, Felix remained in his chosen profession all of his adult life, as when he closed his nursery, (Camille did lots of damage to his hot houses), he joined the city of Bay St. Louis as the Supervisor of Parks and Recreation, and later finished his career as

grounds keeper for the Naval Home in Gulfport.

Much of his work in the city of Bay St. Louis is still visible.

I became involved in aiding Felix in beautification efforts in Bay St. Louis and he - along with the late Bay Mayor Carver - are two people who really got me involved in those activities.

Felix remained a member of the chamber's beautification committee until last year, when he moved to the Naval Home.

Felix was a World War II veteran; was very active with Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139; and was an executive committee member for many years.

He was also very active in the United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis and served two years as chairman of the administrative board and was a member of the board for many, many years.

Felix had that special interest in things which grew, and that included flowers, shrubs and trees.

He served for 37 years on the board of directors of Coast Electric Power Association in addition to many things which were for the betterment of Hancock County.

For myself, it was a great honor to have known Felix and I have a deep down feeling that if St. Peter has a garden, my friend Felix will be entrusted as a caretaker.

To his sons Kevin and Gary, your father is gone, but memories of Felix will long be with many of us, who knew him and the great concern and impact he had for our environment.

Barking up the wrong (racist) tree

Those who cite Federal District Judge Charles Pickering's having practiced law in Laurel during the 1960s with then-Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin as indicative of Pickering's segregationist past are barking up the wrong tree.

This writer knew almost all of the players on the scene back in those days of racial extremism and Gartin, who died suddenly in 1966, was far from being one of the racists.

Gartin, in fact, was defeated for governor in 1959 after being branded as a "moderate" (a term implying being soft on segregation back then) by the segregationist white Citizens Councils.

Evidently some opponents of Pickering's elevation to the Fifth U.S. Court of Appeals believe it damaging evidence that Gartin, Pickering's one-time law partner, had served on the infamous state Sovereignty Commission.

For the record, Gartin as lieutenant governor (from 1956 to 1960 and again from 1964 until his sudden death in 1966) was by law designated as ex-officio vice-chairman of the Sovereignty Commission, but he had little to do with the commission's operations.

When Gartin ran for governor in 1959 with the backing of progressive Gov. J.P. Coleman, he was a strong favorite to win until the

then-powerful white Citizens Councils (Greenville editor Hodding Carter termed them the "uptown Klan") began flexing their political muscle and elected their chosen candidate, Ross Barnett.

As governor, Barnett yielded to Citizens Councils advisors to defy federal court orders to admit one black student-James Meredith-to Ole Miss in 1962, a defiance which triggered a mini-Civil War on the tree-shrouded university campus.

Certainly, if Pickering's association with the late Carroll Gartin is the best "evidence" foes have against his judgeship appointment, they don't have much of a case.

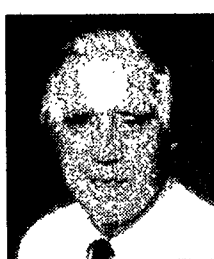
Because the Court of Appeals is just one notch below the U.S. Supreme Court, Pickering's record and his views are under

close scrutiny by the Senate Judiciary committee, which a year ago, then under Democratic control, rejected him.

Pickering's career on the public scene--beginning in the 1960s as a county prosecutor in the Klan-infested, unionized town of Laurel, then a 20 year span in state politics, and now for the last 15 years as a conservative federal district judge--can't be easily categorized as some foes seem to think.

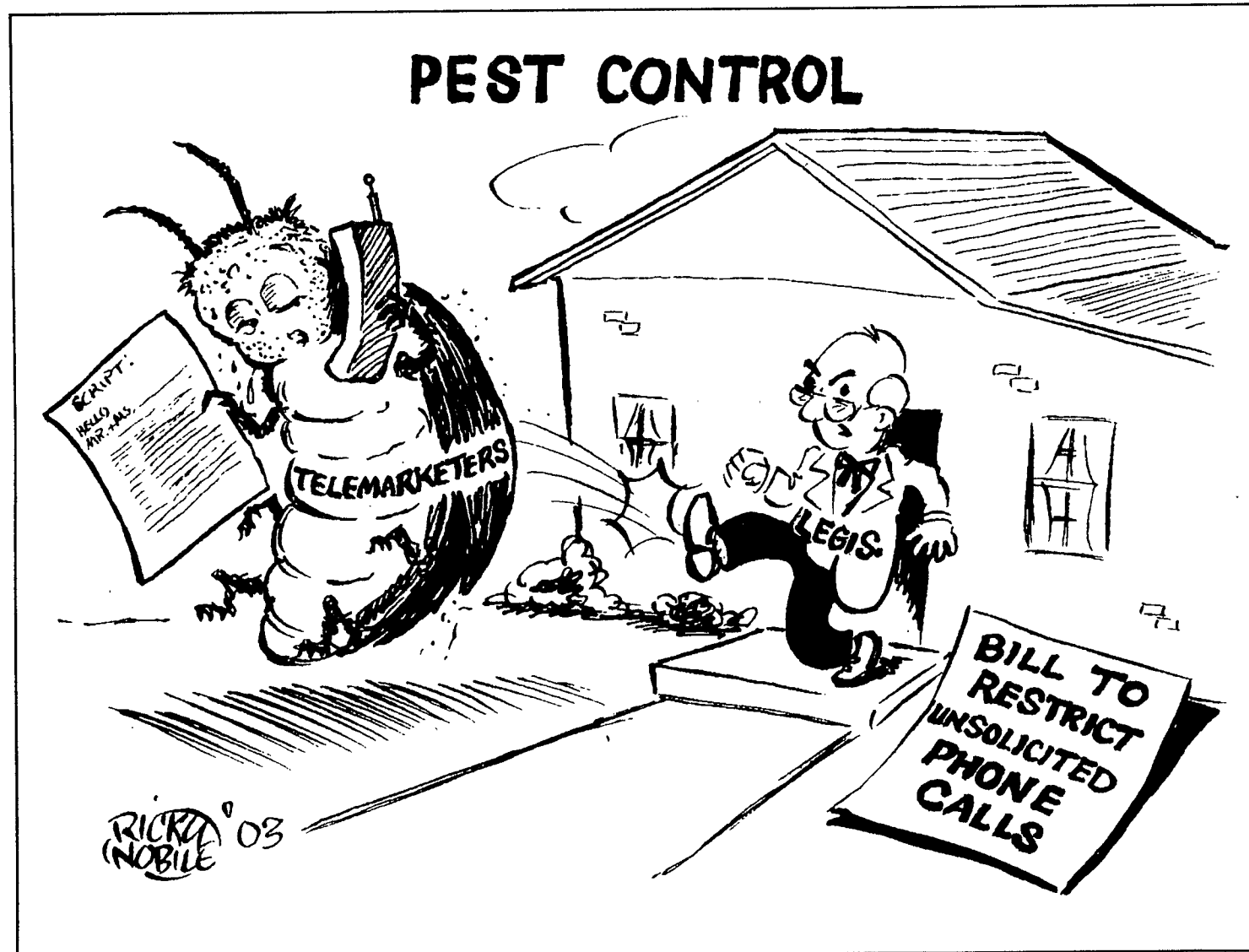
In state politics, Pickering was a non-combative state legislator, then a failed candidate for elective statewide office, a high-ranking figure in the Mississippi Republican Party, and along the way president of both the Mississippi and Southern Baptist Conventions. Naturally some parts of his

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



Letters to the Editor

State Lawmakers considering dangerous Nursing Home Bill

Mississippians with an interest in protecting their loved ones in nursing homes need to be alert to two bills pending in the Mississippi legislature that threaten the safety and well-being of nursing home residents.

Current Mississippi law prohibits people convicted of serious violent felonies such as murder, rape, armed robbery, or abuse of a vulnerable adult to work in a nursing home.

However, passage of either Senate Bill 2444 or House Bill 1077 will remove this important protection, and allow nursing homes to hire persons who have been convicted of violent felonies - essentially eliminating the effect of a criminal background check.

The Mississippi Legislature passed legislation two years ago that required fingerprint/criminal background checks on employees of nursing homes and child care facilities. The Mississippi Dept. of Health has since devel-

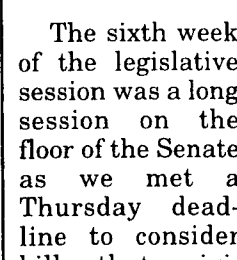
oped regulations that require fingerprint/criminal background checks on employees of child care facilities. These are being enforced.

The Mississippi Dept. of Health, however, has not developed regulations to require nursing homes to conduct fingerprint/criminal background checks on employees. To avoid that responsibility, the Board of the Dept. of Health is supporting two bills - House Bill 1077 and Senate Bill 2444, that will allow employees to work with vulnerable adults for up to two years without having a criminal background check!

Mississippians need to call their state senator (601-359-3267) and representative (601-359-4135) and leave the following message: "Protect our state's vulnerable nursing home residents. Vote NO on Senate Bill 2444 and House Bill 1077."

Matie Stevens, State Director

New Senate bills cut teachers some slack



From the Miss. Senate

By State Sen. Scottie Cuevas

The sixth week of the legislative session was a long session on the floor of the Senate as we met a Thursday deadline to consider bills that originate in our own chamber. I feel we made very good progress on legislation that will be beneficial to the citizens of Mississippi.

For our teachers we passed Senate Bill 2649 which will allow teachers to accumulate up to five days of unused personal leave. Previously teachers were only allowed three days per year with no accumulation.

Also dealing with education, Senate Bill 2394, which we approved early in the week, says parents who enroll their children in public kindergarten must see to it that the children attend, just as if they were in regular school. Parents are not required to enroll their children in kinder-

garten. We covered a wide area of ground this week, as we always do just before major deadlines. Senate Bill 2648 bans smoking in government buildings and other places like restaurants where the public gathers. The bill exempts private homes, hotel and motel rooms and retail tobacco stores. Bars and casino floors where gaming takes place are also exempted.

Senate Bill 2445 is a bill we have studied for several years that sets up a "no call" list at the Public Service Commission to stop telemarketers from making unwanted calls to homes. State residents will call the commission and have their name placed on the list. Telemarketers are then required to obtain the

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vitae raise concerns over his views and personal convictions among civil rights and social issue groups.

Unprompted by any ostensible outside pressures—and before the recent Trent Lott debacle opened old racial sores—Pickering on his own the past few years has become involved in racial reconciliation and healing in Mississippi.

He joined former Gov. William Winter early-on in the formation of the Institute for Racial Conciliation established two years ago at Ole Miss. As Winter says, "Charles is a consistent advocate in seeking a common ground for divergent views."

Most recently, Pickering took the initiative to meet privately with the Black Caucus of the Mississippi Legislature which had earlier voiced opposition to his higher judgeship.

My observations of Charles Pickering's career on the political scene go back to the early 1970s, and even in a small way when he was peripherally involved in the 1967 prosecution of the Vernon Dahmer murder trial that I covered in Hattiesburg.

For eight years during the 1970s when he was a rarity as a Republican in the Mississippi Senate, Pickering operated as something of a peacemaker and consensus-builder in a chamber that was dominated by two powerful figures, William G. (Bill) Burgin and Ellis Bodron.

Burgin, of Columbus, ran the Appropriations Committee with a strong hand and Bodron, of Vicksburg, the Finance Committee much the same way. When a turf war between those two broke out on the Senate floor, Pickering, because he was seen as non-controversial and non-aligned, would many times calm down opposing factions.

Significantly, Pickering emerged in a similar role as the compromise choice to become chairman of the Mississippi Republican Party after the state's delegation to the 1976 GOP national convention became sharply split between backers of Ronald Reagan and then-President Gerald Ford.

Although he had been thought earlier to be in the Reagan camp, Pickering

managed to scramble to neutral ground when the state's delegation, in a memorable caucus in a suburban Kansas City hotel (I was there as a reporter), voted 18 to 16 for Ford.

The state GOP then maintained the policy that the national convention delegation use the unit rule in casting the state's floor vote for presidential nominations. Consequently, despite the narrow margin in the caucus vote, all the Mississippi delegate votes thereby went to Ford.

And because of the closeness of the Ford-Reagan showdown, many pundits portrayed the Mississippi's votes as the key margin in denying Reagan the party's 1976 nomination.

To heal the internal split in the state party ranks after Kansas City, the Mississippi GOP turned to Pickering as the compromise choice for state chairman. It is noteworthy that Pickering chose a young Yazoo City attorney named Haley Barbour to be his state party director.

Political history also records that Pickering in 1978 made an unwise race against then U.S. Rep.

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Thad Cochran for U.S. Senator and the following year ran unsuccessfully as the Republican nominee against Democrat Bill Allain for Mississippi's attorney general.

Considered the favorite to win the AG's race, Pickering made a major gaffe a week before the election by airing radio spots in the black community accusing Allain of having been a member of the segregationist Citizens Council.

The charge was immediately branded as false by Allain, and Pickering had to retract it contending it was the fault of over-zealous campaign staffers. That faux-pas was believed to have cost him the election.

Poetically, Pickering's campaign manager in that 1979 race was a Jackson attorney named Grady Jolly (yes, now on the U.S. 5th Circuit Appeals court) and his publicist was Stuart Stevens, a top media man for George W. Bush in the 2000 presidential campaign.

Stevens will likely reappear in that capacity for Haley Barbour in the forthcoming governor's race here.

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list before making solicitation calls in the state. If they fail to abide by the list they will be fined. This program will be funded by the fees the telemarketers pay to obtain the list.

We also spent a considerable amount of time this week discussing and finally approving pay raises for various state and local officials. District attorneys, circuit clerks, constables and many statewide elected officials are all eligible for raises under a series of bills we passed. The lieutenant governor and legislators are not included in this legislation.

We also approved 10 percent raises for sheriffs, tax collectors and assessors and justice court judges. It has been seven years since these officials had a pay increase.

We also passed a bill allowing for a distinctive car tag for members of the U.S. Armed Forces Special Forces that includes authorization for a tag for Vietnam veterans. Vietnam veterans

will now be able to purchase, through the tax collector in their counties, a tag identifying their status as a Vietnam veteran along with special decals to be affixed to the tag detailing the branch of service and period of service.

As we all know, hunting other outdoor recreational activities are favored activities in our state and also account for a large amount of income, both from the sale of licenses and money spent on the sports. Therefore, preserving our natural heritage, especially our white-tail deer herd, is important to us. This week we approved several measures affecting our state's wildlife and conservation efforts.

SB 2524 allows taking bucks with less than four point antlers if it is necessary to successfully manage the deer herd in enclosed hunting lands under the Deer Management Assistance Plan (DMAP).

Also, new legislation allows the state veteri-

narian to test deer killed in these enclosed lands for Chronic Wasting Disease, a dreadful disease that has broken out in other states and decimated deer populations.

We also significantly raised the fine for importing deer from other states. The fine used to be \$25 to \$100 and under this new

legislation would range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for illegally importing deer.

Also, we approved SB 2825, which authorizes the Wildlife Commission to obtain land for outdoor

recreation other than hunting.

Other legislation we approved this week includes SB 2744, which makes not wearing a seat belt a primary offense when stopped at a roadblock and SB 2218, which requires drivers to show proof of auto insurance at all legal roadblocks.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you, by calling me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, Ms. 39215.

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Military Mention

Air Force Airman Eric W. Hunt has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and

special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Yolanda Hunt of Ulman Ave., and Wayne Goff of Cathy Drive, both of Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Hunt is a 2002 graduate of Bay High School, Bay St. Louis.

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Astro Camp Saturday announces upcoming sessions at StenniSphere

One-day camps set for March 15 and April 12 at StenniSphere

Spaces are filling fast for the spring 2003 Astro Camp Saturday sessions March 15 and April 12 at StenniSphere, the award-winning visitor center at Stennis Space Center, America's largest rocket test complex. Astro Camp Saturday is a series of one-day camps for future rocket scientists ages 9-12.

The camps are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. one Saturday each month during the school year. The upcoming sessions will explore the mysteries of the night sky, discuss humans' goals for space exploration and show how the Space Shuttle is flown. Campers at the March 15 session, "My Place in



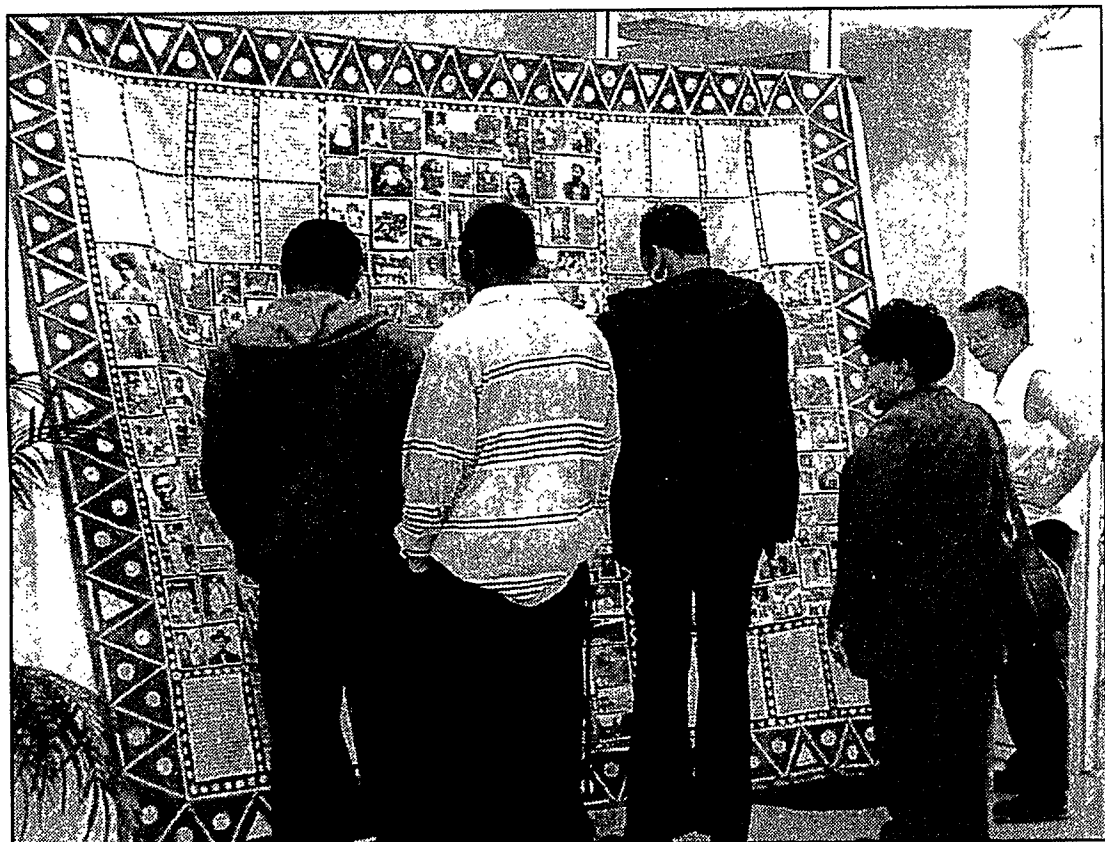
Participants in last year's Astro Camp Saturday sessions work on projects. Sessions are scheduled for March 15 and April 12 for the 2003 year.

Space," will learn about the importance of space exploration, and during the April 12 session, "How to Fly the Space Shuttle," campers will learn about the NASA's Space Shuttle orbiters.

Campers will also enjoy interactive exhibits in the museum. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch and all supplies. Lunch is provided by the 1960s-style diner, the RocKeTeria. Attendance is limited

to the first 25 campers who register. For more information or to register, call (228) 688-2370 or (800) 237-1821 (Option 1) or go to www.ssc.nasa.gov/publicvisitors.

'Labat: A Creole Legacy' draws students from along Gulf Coast



Students from the Gulfport Job Corps visited the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library this week to view "Labat: A Creole Legacy," a fabric collage on the life of Miss Celestine Labat by local artist Lori Gordon. The collage is part of the library's exhibit for Black History Month, which also includes sculptures by internationally renowned Bay St. Louis sculptor Richmond Barthe' and other famous Bay St. Louis blacks. The exhibit will be on display through the month of February. Artist Lori Gordon is pictured at far right.

'Psyche & Amor' author delivers reading Feb. 22

Da Beach House hosts novella reading

Da Beach House presents the reading of a novella, "Psyche & Amor," written and delivered by local artist Diane Stevenson.

Stevenson was born in Long Beach and grew up in Ocean Springs. After years away, she returned to live in Bay St. Louis, and she teaches at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She has an M.F.A. in poetry and a Ph.D. in literature from Columbia University. She is the author of a book of poetry, "Beauty Shop Monologues," and her poems and essays have appeared in Boulevard, Cineaste, The Mississippi Review, The Nation, Pataphysics, The Yale Review and other publications.

She recently received an

award from the Mississippi Arts Council for work on a memoir. She has written short stories, a novel, and the novella "Psyche and Amor," from which she will be reading.

The reading is taking place in three installments. The first installment was delivered on Saturday, Feb. 15, but don't fret if you missed the first you will definitely enjoy the second and third.

The second reading begins at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 and the third at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26. Join Diane Stevenson and "Psyche and Amor" at Da Beach House, 604 South Beach Blvd.

For additional information, contact Colleen at 228-467-9477.

Waveland Little League Registration

Waveland Little League is having baseball registration for players 5 thru 14-years-old.

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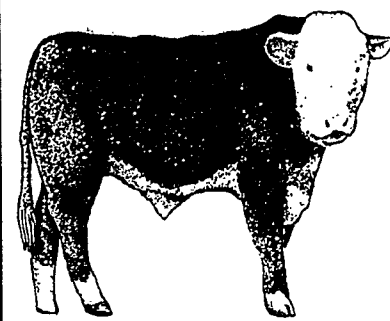
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4. CHDO
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The activities that these funds may be used are in the areas of affordable housing for low and very low-income persons. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing, which will be held at Bay St. Louis City Hall, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS, on March 6, 2003, @ 4 p.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. If you have any questions concerning the hearing, please call (228) 896-1409, 896-1410, or 896-1411.

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Educators from six states gather on the Coast for service learning summit

More than 200 educators from six southern states will gather on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Feb. 20-21 to focus on a variety of issues related to service-learning, which combines education with service for the betterment of students and communities alike.

The first annual Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning, Community Engagement and Higher Education is expected to attract service learning professionals including 20 chief academic officers from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee to the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Conference Center in Long Beach.

The Mississippi Center for Community and Civic Engagement and the university's Office of Community Service-Learning comprise the leadership team that spearheaded organization of the summit, which will feature some 36 presentations and workshops on such topics as service-learning research, ethics and courses in the

sciences. A second Gulf South Summit is scheduled to take place in New Orleans in 2004 under the leadership of Tulane University.

"The university has a distinguished record of support for service-learning, and we are committed to ensuring that our graduates leave with a strong ethic of service and citizenship," Southern Miss President Shelby Thames said in a letter to summit participants. "USM was the... first Mississippi institution to create an Office of Community Service-Learning dedicated entirely to supporting local community service."

The service-learning summit—the first-ever such event in the six-state region—will focus on such issues as the current status of service-learning and civic engagement in the nation; the benefits of building and sustaining university/community partnerships for students, faculty, community agencies and educational institutions; and indicators and the development of service-learning and civic

engagement infrastructures within higher education institutions as a means of institutional and faculty renewal.

Providing introductions for the keynote speakers will be Dr. Jay Grimes, provost for Southern Miss, Hattiesburg campus and professor of marine sciences; Dr. Joe Paul, Southern Miss vice president for student affairs; and Dr. Dick Conville, a USM professor of speech communication and service-learning faculty liaison.

Two \$1,000 awards will be distributed during the summit—one to recognize a creative collaboration in a service-learning project and another to recognize a service-learning practitioner.

The Mississippi Center for Civic and Community Engagement, directed by Dr. Tom Schnaubelt, is a University of Southern Mississippi-based program that promotes community service learning and academics among youth through a variety of after-school and service-learning programs across the state. Established in November

2000 by the state Institutions of Higher Learning, the state Department of Education and the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, the center fosters partnerships between K-12 schools, institutions of higher learning and local non-profit entities.

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Robbery

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said yesterday. "He pulled a weapon that looked like a .38 pistol and forced the manager to the back of the store."

"He made her open the safe and get the money out. He told her to keep looking down."

McNeil said the man then forced the store manager to go out the back door and locked her out, forcing her to walk around the back

of the plaza to the front of the store. By the time she got back to the front, the man had already escaped with "an undetermined amount of cash," he said.

No one was injured during the robbery.

The suspect is described as a "white male in his forties." At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a blue jean shirt and pants and a blue baseball cap.

"There have been other robberies along the Coast (and in Slidell) at Dollar General stores," McNeil said, and the perpetrator in those crimes matched the description of Tuesday's robber.

The incident is still under investigation by detectives Don Watson and Tom Burleson.

Drugs

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"On Saturday, February 15, Lt. Matt Sekinger received a call from DHS requesting assistance in pickup up children at 4980 Gumbo Hill, in North Hancock County.

"After getting the children officers received consent to searched the dwelling and discovered an off-white powder which tested positive for crystal meth," Garber's report said.

Garber said, "Tom Martin and Shandis Martin were both charged with possession of a controlled sub-

stance. The children were taken into custody of the Department of Human Services. Both Martins were released on \$5,000 each bonds and are awaiting trial."

Sheriff's Narcotic Division Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley is in charge of the investigation regarding the narcotics, Garber said.

Officers involved in the assistance and search included, Lt. Sekinger, Agent Malley, Deputies Push Phillips, Chris Ory,

Lamar Jones, and Clark Ladner.

Murder

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parole.

However, Garber said Tuesday, all evidence in Monday's shooting leads investigators to believe there was no connection to the Spiers case.

Hancock Investigator Kenny Hurt is the leading investigator.

Law enforcement officers

at the scene included Garber, Chief Investigator Bob Lambert, investigators Hurt, Matt Barnett, John Luther and André Fizer and deputies Stacy Wilson and Maynard Ladner.

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PATRICIA BIEN
 Patricia R. Bien, 62, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

THOMAS COBB
 Thomas J. Cobb, 48, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Cobb was born in Warner Robins, Ga., and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was an aeronautical engineer for Boeing-Rocketdyne and was awarded the Snoopy Award in 1988 from the NASA Astronauts for work on the main engine of the space shuttle.

He is preceded in death by a brother, David T. Cobb. Survivors include his parents, Jack and Winifred Cobb of Shalimar, Fla.; a son, David Evan Cobb of Gulfport; and a sister, Catherine Coffman of Chesterfield, Mo.

Visitation will be held Feb. 21 at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis from

1 to 2 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

The family prefers memorials to Columbia Scholarship Fund, c/o Sterling Bank, P.O. Box 40333, Houston, Texas 77240-0333.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES DABOVAL JR.
 James R. Daboval Jr., 73, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003.

Mr. Daboval was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Diamondhead. He graduated from Jesuit High School and Loyola University. He retired as a sales manager from WWL-TV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. James R. Daboval Sr. and Caroline Willett Daboval; his wife, Dorothy Gomila Daboval; and a sister, Martha Jane Daboval.

Survivors include his wife, Carlene Dickson Schenck Daboval; a daughter, Jane D. Peuler of New Orleans; five sons, Stephen J. Daboval, Jon H. Daboval, both of New Orleans, James R. Daboval of Baton Rouge, Daniel L. Daboval of Houston, Texas, and Kevin G. Daboval of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepson, Michael Schenck; a stepdaughter, Cara Sundquist; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home Chapel in New Orleans. Burial took place in Lake Lawn Park.

EVA GREEN

Ms. Eva May Green was born to Kenneth and Ethel Rayner in North Carolina on Oct. 27, 1938.

She was a native of Grand Bay, Ala., before making her home in Long Beach. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a faithful member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Pass Christian for many years. She retired from the University of Southern Mississippi (Gulf Park) after 20 years of dedicated service. She departed this life on Friday, February 14, 2003 in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Green and one

daughter, Gloria Dean Rayner as well as her parents, Ethel Rayner-Magee and Kenneth Rayner.

Ms. Eva Green leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Beatrice Rogers of Long Beach; one brother, Kenneth Rayner Jr. of North Carolina; one aunt, Della Washington of Moss Point; five nieces, Shirley (Grover) Duckworth, Bertha (Milton) Marshall, Linda Dotson, Carla (Barry) Walters, Beatrice Johnson; and four nephews, Maurice Dotson, Lawrence (Mary Joe) Lawson, Alex (Bonnie) Lawson, Micheal (Carolina) Lawson and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A visitation will be held today from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church in Pass Christian. The service will be at 12 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Monroe Memorial Park. House of Richmond in Gulfport is in charge of the arrangements.

NORRIS GUILLOT JR.

Norris "Animal" Guillot Jr., 51, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Lafayette, La.

Mr. Guillot was a native of New Orleans, employed as a pipe welder and was a member of Pipefitters Union Local #60.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sedonia Guillot; a grandson, Michael J.C. Bonner; and a sister, Jeanette Guillot.

Survivors include his father, Norris Joseph Guillot Sr.; one son, Norris Joseph Guillot III of Gulfport; one daughter, Jeanette Bonner of Gulfport; two brothers, Timothy Guillot Sr. of Lafayette, La., and Darrin Guillot of Minnesota; two sisters, Belinda Goff of Pass Christian and Sheila Guillot of Connecticut; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 49 North in Gulfport. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.



GIDGET NECAISE HOWELL

Gidget Necaise Howell, 37, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003.

Mrs. Howell was a resident of the Dixie community. She was a school teacher at Dixie Attendance Center and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Agnel and Aline Moran, and her paternal grandparents, Floren and Elder Necaise.

Survivors include her husband, Gretsche D. Howell of Dixie community; her parents, Lamar and Lennette Necaise of Kiln;

two daughters, Presley Stiglets and Shelby Stiglets; two stepsons, Zachary Howell and McKinley Howell, all of Dixie community; two sisters, Vickie Walsh of Kiln and Janet Peterson of Memphis, Tenn.; and a brother, Maurice Necaise of Kiln.

Visitation will be today from 5 to 9 p.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln. Services will be at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Sand Hill Cemetery.

SHIRLEY KORFF

Shirley Woolcott Korff, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

CELESTINE LABAT

Celestine V. "Aunt Teenie" Labat, 104, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Miss Labat was a native and resident of Bay St. Louis. She was born into one of the pioneer families of Bay St. Louis. She was baptized on Feb. 4, 1900, at Our Lady of the Gulf. She received her education at what was then called the Catholic school grades 1-6 and the public school 7-8.

In 1917 during World War I, she attended high school in Indianapolis, Ind. After graduation she taught for one year in Pearlinton. She taught science in Vicksburg for eight to 13 years and one year in Bay St. Louis.

In 1934, she attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she earned her bachelor's degree in science in 1938 from the College of Liberal Arts. While attending Howard, she was employed by the Workers Progress Administration; her job was to file and classify the papers of Frederick Douglas.

For two years after her graduation, she taught school in San Antonio, Texas. During World War II, her vigilance, sacrifice and struggle for education continued her achievement as she attended UCLA, where she received her master's degree in education, master of science in biology. Upon graduation, she took a job in the library.

Miss Labat returned to Bay St. Louis in 1952, where she worked with the Divine Word Missionaries at St. Augustine Seminary and worked in several offices until her retirement at age 72.

She lived through many historical events, such as the Spanish American War, Wright Brothers flight from Kitty Hawk, the beginning and completion of the Panama Canal, production of the first Model T and Marion Anderson singing at the Lincoln Monument.

As she approached her 100th year, Miss Labat became the subject of articles as well as artwork and a PBS documentary. She was also interviewed by a local radio station and honored by family and her alma mater, Howard University.

For many years, she has been an active participant in accurately documenting

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We say together and express once more "thank you" to all our many, many friends and family for the outpouring of love, prayers, support, kindness and sympathy shown to us during the illness and death of our precious Mother. We stood for five hours shaking hands and hugging everyone we could and we want to thank those friends and family who couldn't make it to the front to be greeted. We appreciate all of you being with us.

Thanks for all the wonderful masses, prayers, cards, flowers, plants, food, phone calls and concerns. Thanks to her sisters, brothers, nieces and family for the over night stays and help with her care. To her friends who were there everyday and for the special visits from those she asked to see.

Thank you to Quality Hospice staff with special thanks to Paula Whitfield, Gerry Stoltz, and Amelia Alombro who took good care of her with love and compassion.

To Hancock Medical Center and staff, the ICU unit staff, to Dr's Lee and Anthony, to Dr Crittenden and staff for his long time care. Special thanks to Dr Benjamin Tanner, Keesler AFB Medical center.

Thanks to the Bay St. Louis, Police Dept, the Hancock County Sheriff Dept and the Waveland Fire Department for their participation.

Special thanks to Brother Don of Lakeshore Baptist Church, for a beautiful service. To Wanda Bergeron and Trina Lizana for the wonderful eulogy's and to Lakeshore Baptist Church members for all their help. To Jerry Edwards and Larry Smith Jr. who helped with gospel music for the services.

Thanks to Ms. Leezie Erskine and Ms Janet Ladner and all those who helped with food and cooking for the funeral day.

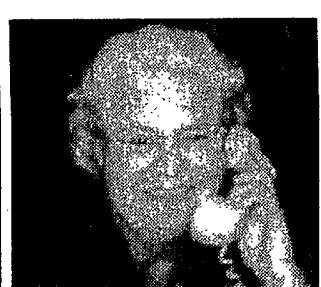
Thanks to Edmond Fahey Funeral Home and Staff for a job well done. Mom was truly blessed to have so many friends and family that loved and cared for her so much. She cared for everyone.

The Carver Children: Pat Peterson, Sam Carver, Lucy Randall, Charles "Chuck" Carver and Tommy Carver Sr.

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of Aline Keating

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Sweetheart it's been almost a year since you were called to our Lord's house. I miss you sweetheart and I always will.

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Also by your Family & Friends
 I love you Aline. Bill



A Message From Mrs. Mattie Eveylin Richardson
 on her 79th Birthday,
 Born on Feb. 21, 1924,
 Brookhaven, MS.

An angel in heaven tending her rose garden, died April 8, 1997.

Sadly missed by her family and friends and as she would tell it:

Walk slowly as you pass me by. Nod your head to say hello, lay your flowers at my pillow, send your love out to my soul, see the beauty in my garden, hear the quiet that now abounds, know that I am not alone here, see the many friends that I have found, see the tree that stands before me, as it shades my eyes. Know that I'm completely happy, think of this and please don't cry. Think of all the good times, see the bad times as the same, know that my soul is free to fly now, I no longer feel the pain, stay with me a little longer, and then stay outside these walls, take your place among the living, till my peaceful garden calls.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Deadline is Tuesday for H.C. Chamber's Citizen of the Year Award nominations

The Citizen of the Year Award will be presented during the Annual Salute to Business & Industry Award Gala on Friday, April 25th at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. The deadline to submit nominations to the Hancock Chamber is February 25 at 5pm. The award recognizes individuals whose contributions to commerce and the community help make Hancock County prosperous and progressive.

To submit a nomination, please provide the following information: a detailed description of the nominee's contributions to the community and the impact of those contributions; examples of leadership skills and a commitment to improving the quality of life for Hancock County; and, a color photo of the nominee and the name, address and phone number of the nominator. Nominations can be delivered or mailed to the Hancock Chamber Office at 412 Highway 90, Suite 6 (next to The People's Bank) or emailed to: tish@hancockchamber.org.

February Coffee Call Features PRCC President

The Membership

Chamber to publish map

"We are pleased to announce that the Hancock Chamber Board has selected Riley Marketing, a Chamber member, to produce the 2003 map of Hancock County," said John P. Baxter, 2003 Chamber President and Vice President of Hancock Bank.

Baxter said that for the past several years, Riley Marketing, a nationwide map distributor, has produced a high quality map of Hancock County with support from the members of the Hancock Chamber. The company will begin offering opportunities for advertising to Hancock Chamber

Services Committee and the Education Committee of the Hancock Chamber are working together to bring members and interested citizens an informative program through the February Coffee Call.

The event, which will be held on Wednesday, February 26 in the Cafeteria of Second Street Elementary in Bay St. Louis from 7:45am-9am, features Dr. William Lewis, President of Pearl River Community College (PRCC). Dr. Lewis will present information on the partnership between PRCC and Hancock County for Education & Workforce Development in Hancock County. There is no charge to attend. To reserve your spot, call the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048. The program is sponsored by the Bay-Waveland School District and Second Street Elementary School. Following the tour, Dr. Lewis will tour Hancock County with community leaders.

Contact the Hancock Chamber for more information at 467-9048.

members after the first week in February. At the end of March 2003, Riley Marketing will provide the Chamber and participating advertisers with 10,000 four color maps to distribute to newcomers, visitors, businesses and residents.

As an added benefit for map advertisers, through the support of Heath Long at Bay Business Consulting, the Chamber will electronically post the map and ads to the Hancock Chamber's website.

For information, Riley Marketing at 800-533-1769 or the Hancock Chamber at 228-467-9048.



New owner

Il Pomodoro, 4327 Lelsure Time Drive, Diamondhead is under new ownership. Chef/owner Brian Evans and staff offers authentic regional Italian dishes and specials with a Mediterranean flair. The restaurant is open Monday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 5-10 p.m. For more information, call 255-7575.

Bill Gates to speak in N.O.

The Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) has announced Microsoft Chairman and Chief Software Architect Bill Gates will attend the CTIA WIRELESS 2003, the world's largest wireless trade show, held in New Orleans on March 17-19, 2003. Gates will speak on the final day of the event (March 19) at the Microsoft Mobility Developer Conference held in conjunction with CTIA WIRELESS 2003.

The Microsoft Mobility Developer Conference is Microsoft's premier developer event for building and bringing to market wireless applications, content and services for Microsoft® Windows® Powered mobile devices, including Pocket PC and Smartphone. Developers, independent software vendors, wireless operators and IT professionals should attend to:

Gates will speak on Wednesday, March 19 in the Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. All attendees to WIRELESS 2003 are invited to attend this important session. This year, the show will take place at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana from March 17-19. Register now to network with industry leaders, regulators, technologists and reporters at the one place that draws the best of wireless - CTIA WIRELESS 2003. For more information about CTIA WIRELESS 2003, including registration, travel and housing, and session details, please visit our Web site at www.wireless2003.com.

Access to the Microsoft Mobility Developer Conference Keynote and Exhibits is included in your CTIA registration. To obtain a Mobility Developer Conference Press Pass that allows access to all breakouts, activities and press

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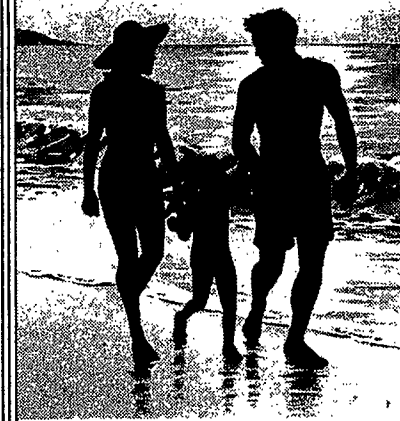
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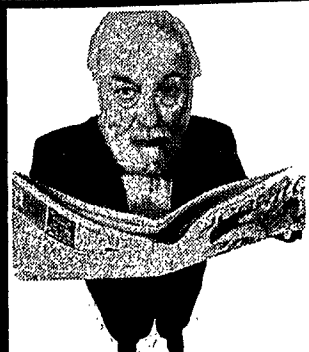
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Symposium

Business and community leaders from across the area attended the 37th annual Hancock Bank Gulf Coast Economic Symposium Wednesday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Leo W. Seal, Jr., Chairman of Hancock Holding Company, left, chats with Rear Admiral Thomas Donaldson, Oceanographer of the Navy and his wife Debbie during a continental breakfast prior to the start of the symposium. Keynote speakers were: Brigadier General Michael W. Peterson, Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base; Catherine Allen, Regional Director of Customer Operations, Cingular Wireless; and Dave Dennis, Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - New Orleans Branch and president of Specialty Contractors & Associates, Inc., a Gulfport commercial and industrial subcontractor. (Staff photo by Ellis Cuevas)



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She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Leonora Labat; Fabian, Victor, Joseph, Lucien, Portia and Inez Labat; Sylvia Randall; Clothilde Yancy; and Elise Webster.

Survivors include one sister, Veronica Labat of Bay St. Louis, and four generations of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Feb. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will take place in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the Inez Labat Scholarship Fund to be established at Xavier University, Development Fund, 1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, La. 70125.

J.T. Hall Funeral Home Inc. in Gulfport are in charge of arrangements.

FORREST LEE

Forrest Lee, 93, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, in Kiln.

Mr. Lee was a native of Carriere and retired as a preparation chef from Southern Culinary in Las Vegas, Nev., a charter member of First Baptist Church in Carriere and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a son, Jason Thornton of Kiln; a daughter, Aimee Storey of Kiln; a brother, Simon Lee of New Orleans; and caregiver, Darlene Storey of Kiln.

Services were held Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Carriere. Burial followed in Carriere Cemetery, directed by Picayune Funeral Home.

ELDRIC LIZANA

Eldric Loren "E.L., Johnny" Lizana, 68 and a resident of Long Beach, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, following an extended illness.

Chief Lizana was born July 7, 1934, in Pineville to Loren and Frances Lizana. He completed Pineville Elementary School, attended Jefferson Davis Community College and was a Catholic. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years as Chief Engineman. He was a master craftsman and carpenter. His hobbies included gardening, traveling, cooking and listening to music of all kinds.

Chief Lizana had many goals in life. One was to live on the Wolf River and that was fulfilled.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert L. Lizana; parents, Loren and Frances Lizana; and step-father, Charles Snow.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann G. Lizana of Long Beach; five children, Jaime B. Lizana of St. Martin, SueAnn Crouse of Vancleave, Desiree Koenigs of Biloxi, Shawn Ray Lizana of New Orleans and Cherie Brott of Long Beach; two

brothers, James Lizana of DeLisle and LeRoy Lizana of Pass Christian; a sister, Edna Ladner of DeLisle; seven grandchildren, Jesse Lizana, Jonah Folks, Johnny Pearson, Rustin Perason and Sydney Brott; and two great-grandchildren.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at Tuesday, followed by burial, with military honors, in the National Cemetery in Biloxi.

The family prefers memorials to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pineville.

Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian was in charge of arrangements.

DORIS LONG

Doris D. Long, 77, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Long was a lifelong resident of Gulfport. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. John's Alter Society and the VFW. She retired from Southern Bell Telephone Company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Long; her parents, Elam and Laura Dedeaux; and a brother, Howard E. Dedeaux.

Survivors include a son, Danny Ladner of Gulfport; a daughter, Sandra Heggins of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Wilda Green of Gulfport; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Gulfport. Burial took place in Biloxi National Cemetery, directed by Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. Vincent DePaul Society, 12290 Dewey Road, Gulfport, MS 39503.

HOLLIS PENNINGTON

Hollis A. "Hap" Pennington, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Shreveport, La.

Mr. Pennington was a native of Chireno, Texas, a former resident of Dallas, a WWII veteran, retired from the Navy, a lifetime member of the VFW and Past Commander of the VFW in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Pennington of Hemphill, Texas; a son, Hap Pennington Jr. of White Oak, Texas; three daughters, Sheila Lizana of Pass Christian, Donna Holliman of Biloxi and Kay Carson of Lake Jackson, Texas; two brothers; five sisters; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Starr Funeral Home in Hemphill, Texas, was in charge of arrangements.

TANYA PRESTENBACH

Tanya Renee Prestenbach, 35, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in Lakeshore.

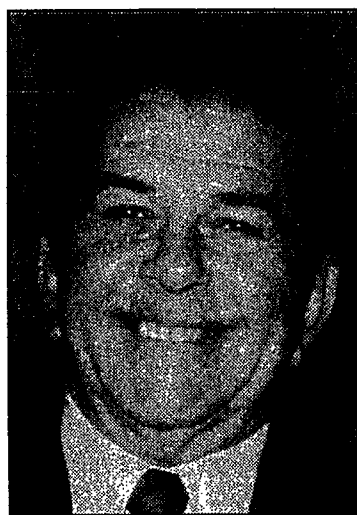
Ms. Prestenbach was a native of Marrero, La. and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis, before moving to Lakeshore. She was of the Baptist faith. She was employed with Carpenter Union doing Trade Shows.

She is preceded in death by a sister, Darlene Jeanette Prestenbach Wilson.

Survivors include two daughters, Lacey Quinn Parsons of Lakeshore, and Sierra Blair Sizemore of Lakeshore; her father, Steve Prestenbach of Bay St. Louis; her mother, Bootsy Prestenbach of Bay St. Louis; one sister, Mitzi Geerken of Bay St. Louis; her maternal grandmother, Margaret Kicklighter of Glennville, Ga.; three nephews, Steve Ditta of Kiln, Rodney McGoy Jr. of Bay St. Louis, and Shane McGoy of Bay St. Louis.

The prayer service will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis. Burial will follow at the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**FELIX SEEGER**

Felix Henry Seeger, 82, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. Seeger was a native

of New Orleans, La. and a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Bay St. Louis. He was a Veteran serving in the U. S. Coast Guard serving in World War II. He was a retired Horticulturist who followed in his father's footsteps. He was the proprietor of Seegers' Nursery in Bay St. Louis for more than 18 years. After Hurricane Camille he helped beautify Bay St. Louis as Supervisor of Parks and Recreation.

He is well known for his love of plants and extensive knowledge of horticulture. He finished his career as groundskeeper for the U.S. Navy Home. He was involved in many community activities, such as the American Legion and Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Seeger served as secretary-treasurer for Coast Electric where he served on the board for 37 years. He was also on the board of directors for the Main Street United Methodist Church. He was a Member of the American Legion Post No. 139, Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Tindell Seeger; and parents, Felix and Ethel Uhle Seeger.

Survivors include two sons and spouses, Kevin David and Gwen Seeger of Baton Rouge, La. and Gary William and Theresa Seeger of Bay St. Louis; a sister and spouse, Audry and Clifford Flathers of Chalmette, La.; a brother and spouse, Alvin and Joy Seeger of New Orleans; two granddaughters, Michelle Seeger and Nicole Seeger; and longtime companion and best friend, Gert Waddington.

A prayer service was held Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed at the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Miss. 39520.

Louis, Miss. 39520.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GRACE TAYLOR

Grace Mary Gonzales Taylor, 73, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Taylor was a native of Kiln and a lifelong resident of Hancock County. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. She was a member of AARP and IAM-NPF Local Union.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sidney F. and Anita B. Gonzales; and three sisters, Margie K. Maloney, Maude E. Favre and Lois M. Miller.

Survivors include two sons, Henry F. Farve III and Gregory T. Farve, both of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Sheila Ann Dema of Waveland and Corliss J. Grey of Bay St. Louis; a brother, John L. Gonzales of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Lottie L. Ladner of Waveland and Gay G. Negrette of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; two grandsons, Henry F. Farve IV and Harry K. Grey III; two granddaughters, Jennifer D. Ward and Kayse L. Grey; and two great grandsons, Jacob B. Ward and Noah B. Ward.

A recitation of the rosary was held Feb. 16 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A mass of christian burial was held Feb. 17 at St. Clare Catholic Church. Interment followed at Waveland Cemetery. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

AURORA WESCOVICH

Aurora "Ora" Breaux Wescovich, 83, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Wescovich was a native of Louisiana and a resident of DeLisle for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Breaux and Isabele

Voorhies Breaux; four brothers, Felix Breaux, David Breaux, Maurice Breaux and Raoul Breaux; and a sister, Laurence Guidry.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene William Wescovich of Pass Christian; four sons, Leroy Wescovich and his wife, Donna, of Lutchter, La., Maurice "Pochie" Wescovich and his wife, Barbara, of Long Beach, Gene Wescovich and his wife, Mary Ellen, of Belleville, Ill. and Jim Wescovich; two daughters, Mary Ann Bishop and her husband, Harry, of Gulfport, and Henrietta Lassabe and her husband, Richard, of Long Beach; a sister, Marie Rosetti of Gulfport; a sister-in-law, Camille Breaux of Gulfport; 15 grandchildren, Missy Sinks, Stevie Wescovich, Pam Wescovich, Maurice Wescovich Jr., Tom Wescovich, Patricia Wescovich, Daniel Wescovich, Ellen Aurora Wescovich, Tim Wescovich, Ricky Bishop, Joe Bishop, John Bishop, Lori Lassabe, Jill Lassabe, and David Wescovich; 19 great-grandchildren, Jayme Dill, Rebecca Dill, Jonathan Wescovich, Joseph Wescovich, Cory Wescovich, Jackson Wescovich, Chandler Bundy, Charlton Bundy, Sarah Boise, Steve Boise, Garrett Coleman, Julia Bishop, Joseph Bishop, Carson Bishop, Kyra Lassabe, Ben Coleman, Grace Coleman, Hayley Wescovich, and Saige Wescovich; and one great-great-grandchild, Steve Boise.

The celebration of the Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Gulfport on Tuesday. Burial took place in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 638, Gulfport 39505.

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Celestine Labat

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Inside a house on Easterbrook

Editor's note: The following was written more than a year ago, but is a standing testimony to the life of Celestine Labat, Bay St. Louis' oldest resident, who died Saturday at the age of 104.

BY PAUL ESTRONZA
LA VIOLETTE
Contributing Writer

...they call her "Teeny" because she is but five feet tall and then she has to be standing in shoes with thick heels. She weighs less than a hundred pounds and carries in those less than hundred pounds all the days of her century plus years...

Celestine Labat. It's a nice name and it seemed to fit the small baby born in the Bay on a warm November day in 1898. In a way, she was lucky. The house where she was born had originally been a small three-room cottage with a detached kitchen. Her father had bought it some ten years before for \$35 and, being a carpenter, gradually enlarged it to fit the growing family.

IT HAD ROOM FOR CELESTINE

Celestine was one of 13 children, 11 of whom would grow up and form the core of a family that would become a valuable asset to Bay St. Louis. Today, the roll call of Labats includes prominent educators, businessmen, doctors, and lawyers. Of the 11 children, six would obtain college degrees and all would pass on their work ethics to their children and their children's children.

But it's Celestine we are talking about.

Celestine. It is a nice name, but they call her "Teeny" because she is but five feet tall and then she has to be standing in shoes with thick heels. She weighs less than a hundred pounds and carries in those less than hundred pounds all the days of her century plus years.

The years are all there, layered in the stories that unfold with a soft rhythm as she speaks. You can sit and talk to her and she will give you some of her raisin and pecan cake and tell you stories... Sit. Sit and listen.

Celestine Labat.



"We used to have a house on the beach near Felicity Street. On Sundays, my older sister, Portia, would get us all dressed up to meet the people that would come on the excursion train from New Orleans to visit for the day. She made our clothes and would make sure we looked all clean and bright and neat for our friends that would come..."

Portia is gone now, but she is still there, one of the many whispers in the cottage where Celestine

and her sister Veronica, a young octogenarian live, by themselves.

Portia is a strong whisper, a sprite-like presence, influencing many of the stories of their growing up in a small Coast al town on a large shallow bay of the Mississippi Sound.

So is Inez, the oldest sister that became the matriarch of the 11 children born in the small house. Inez, whose bronze bust created by James Richmond Barthe sits in a small front room filled with hundred-year-old

furniture. She's there, too.

And so are others, sit and wait they will come.

Look around. Knock on a piece of molding. Sit at a table or look at some of the imposing furniture. Wait a bit and a story will come walking out dressed in the clothes of another time, a time that we will never really know as well as we do when we hear the words and the music in the words that are in the stories that Celestine tell.

Celestine Labat.

"...The full set of the dishes in that cabinet serve twelve. We can't get all the dishes in there; there are too many and some are too big..."

They're English, more than a hundred years old, and their blue glaze is lovely. The cabinet they're in is also nice. And so are the two four-poster beds that the sisters sleep in. They have their own rooms now that everyone else has gone from the old house.

Her father was what

today we would call a contractor and he was kept busy building many of the area's houses and churches of the time, including St. Rose de Lima. St. Rose is just a few blocks away from the house. It's not one of those grand relics designed to inspire awe and humility. It's a soft structure, one of those pleasant places to visit that relaxes both a person's spirit and body.

The furniture, like the china, form odd groupings about the house; some are massive, some delicate. One of the four posters is huge and didn't fit the slant in the ceiling of the room it was in and the posts have been cut to adjust to the ceiling's heights. No matter, it looks nice there.

Celestine Labat.

"...that big wardrobe. The younger children used to play hide-and-seek and hide in the clothes in there. You could get more than one of them..."

Celestine hasn't spent all of her life in Bay St. Louis. She's traveled; getting a Bachelor of Science degree in Washington, DC and later a Masters in Education in California. She taught science for many years, spending much of this time in Vicksburg.

But now she lives in the small house on Easterbrook, next to a small cleaners run by her grand nephews, and about a block north of the train depot. A useful walking distance, if the New Orleans excursion trains still ran.

"... We had a horse and a cow and chickens out there in the back and a pig that they killed by piercing it's heart to make blood sausage. They dressed it on the dining room table."

With its furniture and age, the house stands among the many old houses as almost a museum and, in fact, is on the National Register of Historical Places.

But the building, the grounds, the furniture are more than that. Together they form a place that was, and is, her family's home, a place where she was born, a place where she now lives and gardens.

They form a place in which she can sit with her sister on the front porch, happy to see visitors and talk or be inside and bake.

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The SeaCoast Echo

SPORTS

SSC, Bay, Hancock set to host South State basketball tourneys

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Hancock County will be host to three South State basketball action on Friday and Saturday, February 21-22. This is the first time that a county in Mississippi will be the host to three separate north or south state sectional tournaments.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will play host to the boys 4A South State tournament at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium. The teams that will invade the Rock House will be Pass Christian, Picayune and Northeast Lauderdale.

The Rocks will play the Northeast Lauderdale Trojans at 6:30pm followed by the Pass Christian Pirates and the Picayune Maroon Tide at 8pm.

The winners of those two games will play at 8pm on Saturday, February 22. The losers of the two Friday games will play for the No. 3-seed position from the South at 6:30pm on Saturday.

SSC and Picayune both advanced to the state tournament in Jackson last season.

Bay High will be the host for the girls 4A South State

tournament. The other teams involved are Poplarville, South Pike and Northeast Lauderdale. The Lady Tigers will match up with the Lady Trojans of Northeast Lauderdale at 6:30pm on Friday, February 21. The 8pm game will pair the Poplarville Lady Hornets against the Lady Eagles of South Pike.

The winners of the two games will play for the South State championship on Saturday, February 22 at 8pm. The two losers from Friday's games will battle for the #3-seed from the South position on Saturday at 6:30pm.

The Lady Hawks of Hancock will be the host team for the girls Class 5A South State tournament. Hancock will meet the Lady Admirals of Gulfport in a 6:30pm game on Friday, February 21. The second game will feature the Lady Tigers of Moss Point and the Lady Eagles of Wayne County.

The winners of the two games on Friday will meet at 8pm for the South State championship on Saturday, February 22. The two losers will battle for the third and final seed from the South in a 6:30pm matchup on Saturday.

The county will be full of high school basketball action this weekend. For those of you who may not have ventured out for a game in recent years, now is the time to come out. With so many teams to choose from that represent local communities, there is no reason to miss a game.

Remember some of the stars in recent past for the Rock-a-chaws like All-State center Terry Lawyer, current assistant coach Kelton Thompson, Junior Davis, or Paul Farve. What about Brandon Arcement, Jason Santiago, or Grady Willis? Does Brian Butler, Brent Acker, or Cheick Sanankoua ring a bell?

I know you remember Brian Thigpen, Vince Moran, and Brandon Benoit. The flying Mexican, Hector Hernandez, Matt Kopfler, and Derek Bradley have to ring some bells for you true Rock fans.

Ok, maybe you don't venture to the Rock House all that much but have been a true blue Tiger fan! Listen to some of these Lady Tigers of recent memory. What about Chanda Haley, Alicia Gagnie, or Shannon Baker? Does Williamae Fulton, Valerie Christmas, or Shemna Ambrose strike a

cord? I know you can still see a Yarbrough playing or perhaps Keely Marshall. Whoever they are, I know you remember them.

If Hancock basketball is where it is at for you, then you have to have some Ladner, Necaise or Cuevas running through your veins. Remember Brandi Ladner, Jaynell Ladner, or Mindy Ladner? What about Hancock all-time scoring leader Jessica Pucheu draining shot after shot? Seem like Devin Necaise and Brooke Necaise have been playing at Hancock for eons; however, you'll only get to see Devin play a few more periods on the hardwood.

Whoever you remember playing or whatever team you follow, you can be assured that some great basketball is coming to that gymnasium this weekend. Get out there early to get a good seat and hang on for a great ride! It is going to be fun! It is going to be wild! But, most of all it will be high school basketball at its best. Come support your team or teams. See you at all the games!!!

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Lady Cats split in softball action

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Pearl River Community College's Lady Wildcats picked up their first win of the 2003 MACJC softball season here Tuesday, trimming the Hinds' Lady Eagles 4-2 in the first game of a non-division doubleheader.

Hinds bounced back with an 8-0 shutout in the nightcap thanks, in part, to six Lady Wildcat errors.

Pearl River improved to 1-3 overall with the split.

In the first game, the Lady Eagles went up 1-0 in the bottom of the first, but PRCC bounced back with two runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to ice the win. Hinds managed a solo run in the bottom of the final frame.

Megan Dawson of New Orleans led PRCC's 11-hit attack in the first game with two doubles and a single, while Alicia Horne of Hattiesburg High added a pair of singles and Felicia

Andrews of Oak Grove cracked a double. Courtney Kelly of Oak Grove, Hannah Lumpkin of Pearl River Central, Cilver Armstrong of Pass Christian, Katherine Dumlal of Gulfport, and Nikki Varnado of Purvis all singled.

Armstrong (1-1) picked up her first win of the season on the mound. Hinds finished the game with 10 hits.

In the second game, the Lady Eagles won the contest in five innings via the eight-run rule, scoring four runs in the first, two in the second, and solo runs in the third and fifth innings off a total of six hits.

Kelly, Dawson, and Dumlal all singled for PRCC. Dawson (0-2) was the losing pitcher.

The MACJC has been split into three divisions North, Central, and South for 2003. Itawamba, Northeast, Northwest, and

Mississippi Delta comprise the North, while newcomer Meridian, East Central, East Mississippi, Hinds, and Holmes make up the Central. Pearl River, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Southwest, Copiah-Lincoln, and Jones comprise the South Division.

The Lady Wildcats finished as state runners up in 2002, losing to Mississippi Gulf Coast for the state championship last May.

Pensacola Junior College swept Pearl River 6-0 and 15-1 in the Lady Wildcats' 2003 season openers on Feb. 11 in Poplarville. The Lady Wildcats return to action today with a 2 p.m. doubleheader rematch with Pensacola on the road, then East Mississippi visits Monday, Feb. 24, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader in Lady Wildcat Stadium. The Lady Wildcats host their annual PRCC Kickoff Classic February 28 and March 1 in Hattiesburg.

Diamondhead Women's Golf results

BY SALLY LINDSLEY

Winners of the following Diamondhead golf events for the month of January are: 1/7/03 - Trophy Day - low gross, Maureen Holt; low net - Clare Chauffe;

Low Putts - Charlene Smuck; chip-ins: Bettisue Hendrix, Charlene Smuck 1/14/03 - Mulligan on any one hole - 1st - Betty Reddock; 2nd - Clare Chauffe;

3rd - Emmy Swink 1/21/03 - Even Holes - 1st flight - 1st - Evelyn Young;

2nd - Sue Stevens; 3rd - Maureen Holt; 2nd flight - 1st - Jerry Ingraham; 2nd - Carol Perry;

3rd - Bettisue Hendrix; 3rd flight - 1st - Shirley DeJean; 2nd Pat Powell; 3rd - Rose Hill Chip-Ins - Shirley DeJean, Sue Munn, Shirley Hopes

1/29/03 - Scramble 1st - Jeanette Sullivan; E.J. Smith, Shirley DeJean; 2nd - Retha Vincent, Marilyn Dehnhostel, Betty Reddock; 3rd - Charlene

Smuck, Bettisue Hendrix, Lou Lamendola

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fifth. PCI Nines: Mary Jo Jones, first; and Ve McBride, second.

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SSC, Bay, Hancock, Pass all advance

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

It's official. Hancock County is the hotbed of high school basketball talent in South Mississippi in 2003. The county will be the host for three South State girls and boys basketball tournaments on Friday and Saturday.

Since the St. Stanislaus boys, the Bay High Lady Tigers and the Hancock Lady Hawks all won their first round matchups in south state play, the tournaments for those respective classes will be held at these sites. The Rocks will host the boys 4A South State while across town the Bay High Lady Tigers will be the home gym for the girls 4A South State tourney. The Lady Hawks will put on the 5A South State girls tournament in Kiln.

Hancock and Bay High got things rolling for area teams on Monday, February 17 with wins: The Tigers defeated Terry High School 88-53 while just north on Highway 603 the Lady Hawks took care of business against the Lady Greyhounds of Ocean Springs 50-36.

On Tuesday, February 18, St. Stanislaus disposed of the Raymond Rangers 58-49 to clinch the boys tournament.

Kendra Reed got the #2-ranked Lady Tigers rolling in the first period of action with 8 points as Bay High jumped out to an 18-6 lead over Terry.

Behind a strong performance at the free throw line and good shot selection, Terry got back into the game and cut the lead to six points 33-27 with :34 left in the first half. However, the Reed sisters, Stephanie and Kendra, scored consecutive baskets to give Bay High the 38-27 lead at intermission.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "At halftime, we made some adjustments on defense that allowed us to be effective in the third period and the remainder of the second half. We were able to get to Terry with our press and force some turnovers. We outscored Terry 29-9 in the third period. Hopefully, we gained some confidence with this win and the players were able to get some of the jitters of the state play-offs out of their system."

The Lady Tigers exploded in the third period against Terry and pushed the score to 67-36 by the end of the stanza. Kendra Reed led all Lady Tigers with 23 points, 14 rebounds and 6 steals. Carmen Labat added 18 points while Stephanie Reed scored 14 points, 6 assists and 8 steals.

The Lady Tigers (31-1) will play the Northeast Lauderdale Lady Trojans on Friday, February 21 at 6:30pm. The Lady Trojans disposed of Laurel rather easily in the first round on Tuesday. The last time that the Lady Tigers hosted the South State tournament, Bay High advanced to the state finals against Oxford in 1998. Last season the Lady Tigers finished runner-up in Class 4A to Provine High School of Jackson. Other teams in to be featured in the girls 4A state tournament at Bay High are Poplarville and South Pike. Poplarville has won 17 games in a row and defeated Northeast Jones 70-64 to advance. South Pike defeated Gautier 59-35 on Monday to make the South State tourney.

The #4-ranked Lady Hawks (26-6) had an athletic Lady Greyhound team to contend with in Kiln on Monday. The Lady Hawks persevered with a 50-36 win to advance to the semi-finals of the South State playoffs in Class 5A.

The Lady Hawks battled to a 11-4 advantage at the end of the first period and pushed that lead to the 24-14 by halftime.

The Lady Hawks kept the pressure on Ocean Springs in the third period to finish with a 38-25 lead. It was all Necaises in the final period for the Lady Hawks.

While crucial drives to the basket by Ashley Boehnel and Courtney Craft were made and rebounds pulled in by Latisha Shiyoun and other, it was a Necaise that put the ball in the hoop. That meant Brooke Necaise, Devin Necaise, and Rachel Necaise did all the scoring for the Lady Hawks in the final period en route to the win.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "Ocean Springs is a very athletic group. We had enough athleticism and ball control tonight to mix it up with them. The Lady Greyhounds are a well-coached team and we knew that they would not make many mistakes. We knew that we had to control the ball."

"The players did a great job in the second half of doing just that. Our fans tonight were a big difference make for us, as well. We have had great crowds all year long. The fans up here don't just love Hancock Lady Hawk basketball, they love basketball period. This is a great place to play basketball."

The Lady Hawks will entertain the Gulfport Lady Admirals on Friday in Kiln. The Admirals and the Lady

Hawks split their pair of games this season. The Wayne County girls defeated the Lady Bearcats of Long Beach 53-41 to advance while Moss Point dispatched Hattiesburg 73-68 to move on to the tournament in Kiln.

The #6-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (29-4) completed the Hancock County trifecta with a 58-49 win over the Raymond Rangers on Tuesday, February 18. The win over the Rangers (12-16) gives the Rocks their first South State tournament berth at home.

If one saw Raymond play on Tuesday, one would not believe that the Rangers were #7-seed in their division tournament last week. The Rangers lost to Brookhaven 50-49 in the Division 6 championship and earned the right to travel to SSC. However, Raymond did not play like a #7-seed should play. One can only wonder how a team like Raymond earned the #7-seed.

The Rocks had their hands full with the patient Rangers. Raymond stayed out of the quick hit game and played a more methodical set against SSC.

Rob Murray started the scoring off for SSC with a three-pointer to give SSC a 3-0 lead. The Rangers took a brief 4-3 lead with 4:25 left in the first period after converting two free throws; however, it was the last lead that they would enjoy.

The Rocks jumped out to a 14-6 first period lead as four different Rocks scored. Darius Acker hit a three-pointer to start off the second period for the Rocks. Once again, balanced scoring by the Rocks in the period allowed SSC to take 26-16 lead to the locker room for intermission.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "The Rangers play a very methodical game to begin with. They stay away from the fast break. That may have hurt them a little tonight especially when we built a lead on them. Our press gave them some problems."

"Mario Faranda did a great job for us down low and was a difference maker. Rob Murray has been playing with some confidence for about the last two weeks. That has been a big plus for us. Gabe Willis and Darius Acker are our most experienced players on the court. They are beginning to understand the game of basketball more and more. I thought our crowd was a factor for us. It was a great atmosphere to play in tonight. We will need the same response this week-

end when we play."

The Rangers cut the lead to 43-35 by the end of the third period as the two teams practically traded baskets. The fourth period was much of the same except for some highlight plays. With 6:15 left in the game, Rob Murray was pressured by a Ranger defender and used a reverse pivot move to clear some space. Then, he backed up behind the arc and drained a three-pointer to give SSC a 50-38 lead. Time and again, Darius Acker used blazing speed and lightning quick passes to get the ball inside for the basket. Towards the end of the game, Acker found Faranda alone down low who punctuated the win with a reverse dunk with :15 left.

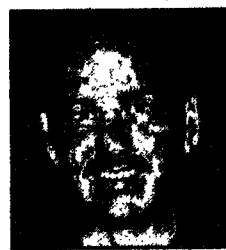
Faranda led the Rocks with 23 points and 16 rebounds. Gabe Willis and Darius each scored 11 points and dished out 7 and 5 assists, respectively. Rob Murray finished with 11 points.

The Rocks will play the Northeast Lauderdale Trojans at 6:30pm on Friday, February 21. The Trojans defeated Laurel 71-70 on Tuesday to advance. Pass Christian and Picayune will lock horns in the 8pm game at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium. Pass Christian defeated Brookhaven 52-49 and Picayune won over Quitman 39-36 to advance.

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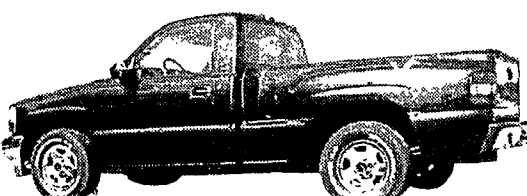
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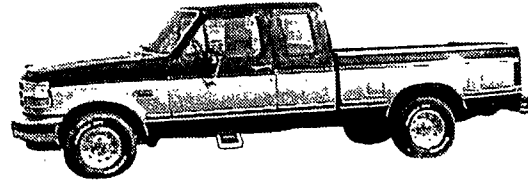
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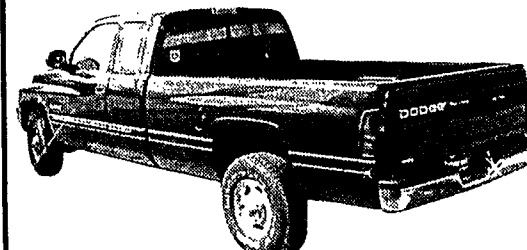
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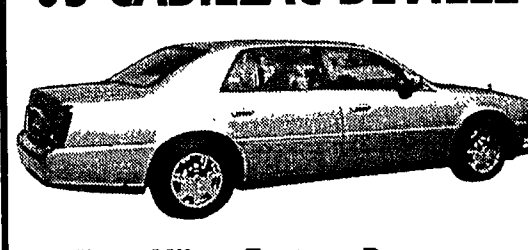
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Samantha Billingsley signs a soccer scholarship for Pear River Community College last week. She is accompanied by her father, David Billingsley, left; and mother, Donna Billingsley. Samantha is the granddaughter of Pearl and Fred Peterman of Waveland.

Sister Mary Bertoli workshop inspires creativity at North Bay



Participants at the Sister Bertoli's collage workshop delve into a discussion about their images.



Sister Mary Bertoli complements North Bay Elementary parent Gretchen Strong on her original work.



Kathy and Megan Bourne display a few of the pieces they created alongside Sister Bertoli.

Participants at a recent workshop at North Bay Elementary delve into discussions about their completed works. The workshops were led by Sister Mary Bertoli, an artist who found inspiration in the people of the Mississippi Delta and emerged with a unique style of tissue paper collage. The focus of the workshop was discovering and exploring creativity in all aspects of daily life. Sister Bertoli shared her medium with participants, who each created and shared their own works. North Bay teachers had a first hand experience with the process, preparing them to make collage projects with students. These works of art and students' reflections will be shared with the public at an exhibit April 29-May 1 at the Depot in Bay St. Louis. The workshop and exhibit have been generously sponsored by Champion of Bay St. Louis and Hancock Bank. Services and meals were donated by the Bay Town Inn, Bay City Grille, Trapani's, The Loft, Behold Gallery and Framing, and Blue Heron Framing, Winn-Dixie and Sav-A-Center. Meals during the workshops were provided by Dominos and Subway. Sister Bertoli's work is currently on display at Serenity Gallery.

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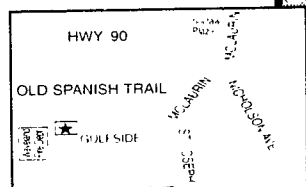
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St. Clare to offer six-part lecture series

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Tough questions that separate Catholics and Protestants on the Bible will be explored in a six-part series of lectures beginning Wednesday, Feb. 26, at St. Clare Church in Waveland.

Jimmy Seghers, who directs Totus Tuus ministries of Covington, La., will present "The Biblical Defense of the Catholic Faith". All talks will begin at 7 p.m.

"Many Catholics have been saddened to see family members and friends leave the Catholic Church because they were drawn to so-called 'Bible churches'," said Seghers, adding: "Many Catholics often feel inadequate when other Bible believing Christians question Catholic beliefs on a biblical basis."

Topics for the discussions

include the question of whether the Bible is the only authority of faith; what is taught about the Eucharist, confession, baptism, the Immaculate Conception, and many other subjects.

Papal infallibility, frequently debated between Catholics and Protestants, will be explained. In all, at least 18 questions will be discussed, with one of the sessions devoted almost entirely to Mary, the Mother of God.

Classes, open to all, are scheduled on Feb. 26, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. There will be no class on Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday.

There is no charge for attendance but class notes may be purchased for \$15, giving participants permanent resource material.

NARFE to meet next Tuesday

The Buccaneer Chapter 1729 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) is now holding its monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn on Hwy. 90 and 603 in Waveland starting Tuesday, February 25th at

11:30 AM. Charles Gray of the Hancock County Historical Society will present a talk on local history.

All active or retired Federal workers are invited to attend. Call 467-0589, for reservations and to select your entree choice.

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Celestine Labat.

Save Our Children offering a series of programs on safety

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On January 30, the Save Our Children Center, 405 Necaise Avenue in Bay St. Louis, the first of a series of safety programs will be offered.

Sgt. R. Hannah of the Bay St. Louis Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be presenting monthly classes on safety. All children enrolled and their parents are urged to attend this important series.

The schedule for the rest of the series is as follows:

February 20: Hazards of Smoking
March 20: Drinking
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B.B. King coming to Casino Magic

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For more than half a century, Riley B. King - better known as B.B. King - has defined the blues for a worldwide audience. Since he started recording in the 1940s, he has released over 50 albums, many of them classics.

He was born on a plantation in Itta Bena, Mississippi in 1925, he spent his youth, playing on street corners for dimes, and would sometimes play in as many as four towns a night.

In 1947, he hitchhiked to Memphis, TN, to pursue his music career because Memphis was where every important musician of the South gravitated.

B.B. stayed with his cousin Bukka White, one of the most celebrated blues performers of his time, who



B.B. King

schooled B.B. further in the art of the blues. B.B.'s first big break came in 1948 when he performed on Sonny Boy Williamson's radio program on KWEM out of West Memphis.

This led to steady engagements at the Sixteenth Avenue Grill in West Memphis, and later to a ten-minute spot on Memphis radio station WDIA. "King's Spot," became so popular, it was

expanded and became the "Sepia Swing Club." Soon B.B. needed a catchy radio name.

What started out as Beale Street Blues Boy was shortened to Blues Boy King, and eventually B.B. King.

In the mid-1950s, while B.B. was performing in Twist, Arkansas, two men got into a fight, knocking over a kerosene stove and setting fire to the hall. B.B.

raced outdoors to safety with everyone else, then realized that he left his beloved \$30 acoustic guitar inside, so he rushed back inside the burning building to retrieve it, narrowly escaping death.

When he later found out that the fight had been over a woman named Lucille, he decided to give the name to his guitar to remind him never to do a crazy thing like fight over a woman.

Ever since, each one of B.B.'s trademark Gibson guitars has been called Lucille.

Over the years, B.B. has developed one of the world's most identifiable guitar styles.

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B.B. mixes traditional blues with jazz, swing, and mainstream pop into his own unique sound.

In B.B.'s words, "When I sing, I play in my mind; the minute I stop singing orally, I start to sing by playing Lucille."

B.B. was inducted into the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

He received NARAS' Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award in 1987, and has received honorary doctorates from Tougaloo

(MS) College in 1973; Yale University in 1977; Berkley College of Music in 1982; Rhodes College of Memphis in 1990 and Mississippi Valley State University in 2002. In 1992, he received the National Award of Distinction from the University of Mississippi.

He was nominated for two more Grammy awards this year. B.B. continues to tour extensively, averaging over 250 concerts per year around the world. Don't miss B.B. King at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22. Must be 21 to attend.

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Jeff Davis Players to commit 'Crimes of the Heart' Feb. 26

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

When one sister shoots her husband, it's comforting to know her other two sisters are there for support and comfort.

In "Crimes of the Heart," the three McGrath sisters are reunited when the youngest, Babe, guides a bullet into her hubby. However, she and her sisters must deal with their own sibling jealousy and family reputation.

The Jefferson Davis Players will bring this comedy to life Feb. 26 through March 1 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis Campus.

Kimberly Deeb will play the role of Lenny McGrath, the oldest sister who has taken charge of caring for their grandfather. She is also on a path to being the old maid in the family.

The 20-year-old Orlando, Fla., native moved to the Coast six months ago and is in her second semester at MGCCC.

"The thing I like most about Lenny is that even though her life is not going the way she would like it to, and all of these awful things keep happening around her," Deeb said, "she manages to keep her cool (for the most part) and is able to be the 'rock' of the family."

Deeb, who plans to be a music industry major with a

minor in theater at the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall of 2005, said her favorite part of the play is the relationship between the sisters.

"(I like) their ability to love each other no matter what," she said. "(Even if) they may not like each other at times."

As for the play's message, Deeb said "Crimes of the Heart" shows that "life may not always go the way you would like, but (you must) make the best out of what you get."

For Mary Gasparrini, who plays Babe McGrath, the play has shown her the importance of family.

"Even in bad times — even with people that are almost nothing alike — families can always stick together if they don't forget times they shared together," the 19-year-old said. "Being together with family, especially siblings, can be a great thing."

Gasparrini, the daughter of Bill and Sue Gasparrini of Biloxi, said her character is very interesting.

"Babe is kind of crazy because she doesn't think before she takes action — like shooting her husband,"

she said. "I admire her spunk and how you can't predict anything she does."

Gasparrini is also a freshman and plans to minor in theater.

The play, set in Hazelhurst, Miss., also stars Johanna Falcon as Meg McGrath, Josh Finch as Barnette Lloyd, Heather Hunt as Chick Boyle and Houston Longino as Doc Porter.

Wayne Catlett will direct Beth Henley's "Southern gothic" comedy set in Hazelhurst, Miss.

Others involved include Werner duPlessis, scenic designer and technical director; Keri Mills, stage manager/properties; Whitney Johns, light board operator; Kenny Pollard, sound technician; and Pat West and Katy Williams, house managers.

"Crimes of the Heart" will be held in the Arena Theatre at 2226 Switzer Road in Gulfport. Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students.

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221 Sycamore Street
Bay St. Louis MS
(3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths--brick veneer)

The sale will be held at the North door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.

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24 Auctions

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36 Special Notices

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84 Furniture

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WHEREAS, on the 7th day of February, 2003, Brandy Dawn Gulchett and Husband Craig Michael Gulchett, as estate in the entirety with right of survivorship, not as tenants in common, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Doug E. Flavin, Trustee for Advantage National Bank, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 582 at Page 475 and

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of November, 2002, Advantage National Bank, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as custodian for the National Bank Trust Company of California, N.A., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 700 at Page 433; and

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MONROE, LA 71201
318-330-9020
F02-7714
02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27/03

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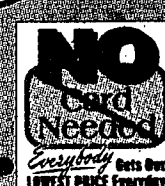
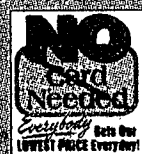
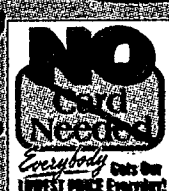
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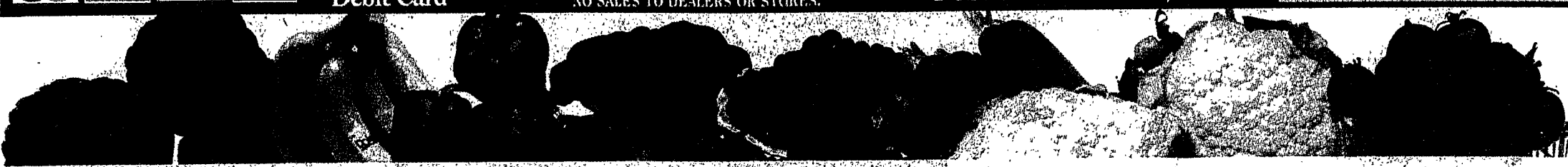


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